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The following circular was issued by the Magistrat of East Berlin and dated
2 May 1951:

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Berlin, 2 May 1951.

To the departments:

Machine Construction

Construction

Food and Chemicals

Light Industry.

Subject: Warning of requests for information by persons and organizations in
Western Germany and foreign countries.

A growing number of persons, enterprises and commercial publishing houses in
Western Germany, Switzerland, the U.S.A., and other western countries have
recently approached VEB's (nationalized) and private enterprises in the German
Democratic Republic in order to obtain information concerning figures pertaining
to the labor force, the production and other data of these enterprises. Usually
it was stated that the data would be used for textbooks and almanacs or would
serve to establish commercial relations. Requests of the type mentioned were
made by the following persons and establishments:

1. Dipl. Ing; Carl Koerfer, 9 Hohe Buchen, Essen-Bredeney.
2.
3. Verlag fuer Wirtschaftsliteratur GmbH, publishing house, 53 Burstrasse,
Zurich.
4. Belgian Rentenkasse (Bonds Bank), ** Berlin-Wilmersdorf.
5. Deutsche Erfinderpost (bulletin for German inventors), publishing house of
Paul Friedrich Strelow, 24 Laubenheimerstrasse, Berlin-Wilmersdorf.

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6. Professor Dr. Messerschmidt, *** Munich.

It is a matter of course that such requests remain unanswered. All such requests will immediately be submitted to Industry Department, Technical Management. It is requested that all nationalized enterprises be informed of this directive.

(signed) Schuster."

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